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SUBJ: DEPARTING YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR RECEIVES HIGH
ROMANIAN DECORATION

1. SCINTEIA JANUARY 26 GIVES FRONTPAGE REPORT ON AWARD OF ORDER OF TUDOR VLADIMIRESCU FIRST CLASS TO DEPARTING YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR (AND RECENT DIPLOMATIC CORPS DOYEN) ISO NJEGOVAN. THE ORDER WAS PRESENTED IN PERSON BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, WHO CALLED AWARD A "SYMBOL OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA" AND EVIDENCE OF ROMANIAN APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF YUGOSLAV-ROMANIAN COLLABORATION AND FRIENDSHIP.

2. COMMENT: WE SEE WELL-PUBLICIZED AWARD TO NJEGOVAN AS ROMANIAN EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE STILL ON SOLID BASIS, DESPITE DIFFERENCES ON ME AND OTHER SUBJECTS AND EARLIER RUMORS OF TENSION WHICH ACCOMPANIED THOSE DIFFERENCES. SINCE AT LEAST JUNE, 1971, ONLY AMBASSADORS TO RECEIVETHIS ORDER HAVE BEEN THOSE OF CUBA, ITALY AND CHINA (ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN DOYEN FOR MANY YEARS.)

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